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COMMUNISTS LEADING IN EARLY RETURNS OF FRENCH ELECTIONS

BIDAULT'S PARTY RUNNING SECOND SOCIALISTS DROP BACK INTO FOURTH PLACE

PARIS, NOV. 10 (UP).—THE EXTREME LEFT AND EXTREME RIGHT ARE APPARENTLY GAINING GROUND AT THE EXPENSE OF THE MIDDLE POPULAR REPUBLICAN PARTY IN THE FRENCH ELECTIONS TO-DAY.

Early returns from scattered districts placed the Communists in the front with 25,525 votes out of 90,276. The Popular Republicans, led by Premier Bidault, who won the last elections, was to-day running second with 20,385 votes.

The Right-wing Republican Party showed most surprising strength with 17,662 votes, while the heretofore powerful Socialist Party is in the fourth place with 17,352 votes.

In bitterly cold and foggy weather this morning French men and women started struggling to the polls in the first normal republican election here since 1936.

They will decide the make-up of the new National Assembly of the Fourth Republic which is scheduled to run France for the next five years.

The number of registered voters is listed at 25,000,000, although only 75 per cent are expected to cast ballots to-day. Abstentions are believed inevitable partly through Frenchmen's fatigue over the recent constituent elections and partly in protest of the increasing complexities in the always muddled French political situation.

However, early reports from both the rich and poor districts of Paris showed a possible upset of the predicted heavy abstentions.

In the right bank worker's quarters, men and women were hanging around the polling booths before opening. Government clerks said they had seen many voting cards which had not been punched for the last three elections indicating that there were Frenchmen who were voting for the first time in the National Assembly election.

This may be due to the frenzied activity on the part of all parties to head the electorate to the polls.

AMERICAN ACCUSED AT TIRANA SABOTAGE TRIAL

Belgrade, Nov. 10. (UP).—Mr Harry I. Fultz, member of the American mission in Albania, was mentioned in the opening sessions of the Tirana trial of alleged saboteurs as instigator of sabotage activity on the Lake Maliz reclamation project in the Koritza district, near the Greek border.

Vasil Mano, technician on the project and one of the defendants on trial gave testimony yesterday that the saboteurs received directive and money from Fultz.

Leader of the sabotage activity, which reportedly started in June this year, was Avdul Sharran, who is also a defendant at the trial. Mano said his wife functioned as liaison between the group and Fultz and carried letters to Sharran from Fultz. Mano reportedly further stated that Kufijm Beqiri, successor to Sharran on the reclamation project, received 200 gold Napoleons from Fultz.

Also implicated in the trial, according to official information, were two unidentified UNRRA employees who, it was alleged, brought a radio receiving and transmitting set to sabotage on the project so that direct contact with Fultz could be established.

According to an Albanian diplomat here, Fultz first came to Albania as director of the Albanian Vocational School at Tirana about 20 years ago. The school, which had the financial support of wealthy Americans and a Scholarship Fund from the American Junior Red Cross was nationalized and placed under the Ministry of Education ten years later. Fultz then left Albania without returning until he took up duties with the American mission in Albania.

It was learned from American diplomatic sources in Athens to-day that Mr Joseph E. Jacobs, American representative in Albania who is being recalled, is now held a virtual prisoner in his residence at Tirana. An informed source said that on a recent visit to Tirana he called on Mr Jacobs and found him living under guard. Mr Jacobs pulled the diplomat to the window and pointed at a soldier standing in the doorway of the house down the street and said "I cannot pass that man without special police permission."

ALBANIAN-GREEK BORDER CLASH

London, Nov. 10.—The Tirana radio to-day broadcast a report of a frontier incident in which Greek troops and Albanians were alleged to have fought with hand-grenades and machine-guns for half an hour.

Quoting the Albanian news agency, the radio said that on Wednesday a Greek officer and four other ranks crossed the frontier into Albania and were fired on. They gave a signal and Greek soldiers crossed the frontier to their assistance.

After half an hour, the Greeks withdrew, added the agency.—Reuter.

Head Of Cochinchina Govt Commits Suicide?

Paris, Nov. 10.—The President of the Provisional Government of Cochinchina, Nguyen van Tinh, was found hanging by a length of copper wire in his bedroom in Saigon to-day, the French news agency reported. The agency described the death as suicide.

Yesterday evening, according to the agency report, the President attended a meeting of the Council of Ministers and appeared very depressed. To the ministers who were tendering their resignations in order to allow the President to reform the Cabinet, he said: "I am heartbroken to have led you on this adventure."

The magistrate in charge of the inquiry into the death of Nguyen van Tinh, stated to-day: "There is no doubt that this was a case of suicide," the French news agency added.

In well-informed circles in Paris, Tinh's suicide was attributed to the extreme worry over the continued pressure from elements inside and outside his Cabinet, connected with the neighbouring Viet Nam republic.

The Viet Nam leaders have consistently demanded the inclusion of Cochinchina within the Viet Nam republic's territory whereas the French authorities favour an autonomous Cochinchina, at any rate until the population by a referendum decides otherwise.

The provisional government for Cochinchina was established last June. The hostility of Viet Nam led to a crisis within the Cochinchina Cabinet last Thursday when President Tinh was forced by the majority of his Cabinet to accept the demand for a "complete reshuffle" of his Cabinet.

No other explanation of the ex-President's suicide has been forthcoming. He left no letters. Rumours in Indo-China on the subject are rife.

The late President was a Buddhist and it is pointed out locally that for a Buddhist to commit suicide is the highest form of protest against false accusations.—Reuter.

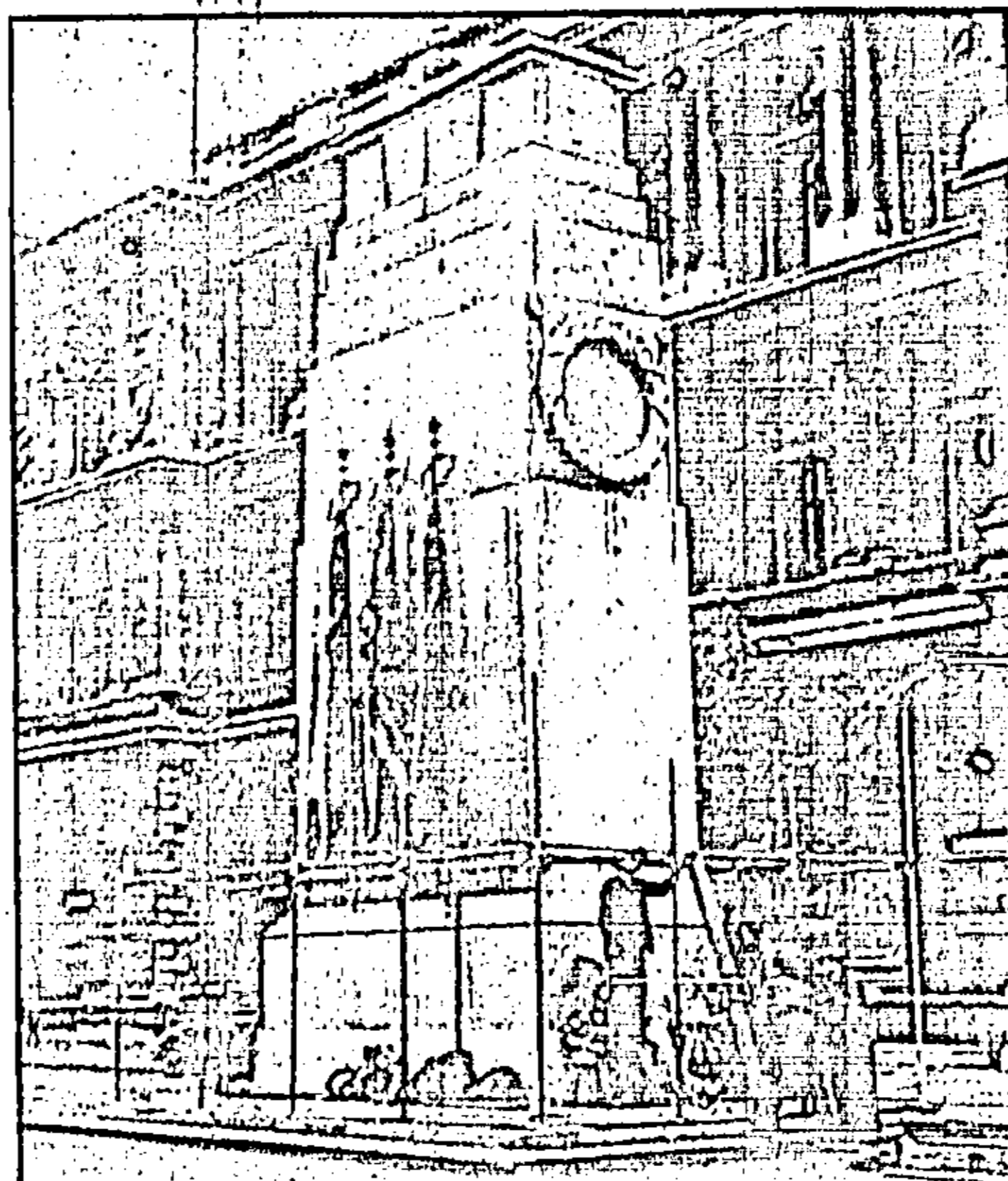
Eisenhower To Be U.S. Envoy To Britain?

Washington, Nov. 10 (UP).—The unofficial service publication Army Times to-day said that the United States Army Chief, Gen Dwight Eisenhower, is planning to retire as soon as he can.

It quoted military sources as saying that Gen Eisenhower is irritated by the apparent lack of a clear-cut policy toward the Army. It is an open secret that the "Army" has no clear picture of how much it will have to spend next year and its plans are suffering for want of a specific sum the army will be authorized to use.

The publication said that Gen Omar Bradley has most often been mentioned as Gen Eisenhower's successor but that it is erroneous to assume that Bradley will be chosen as successor. The paper said some reports assert that Gen Eisenhower will be the next Ambassador to Britain.

LEST WE FORGET



Workmen erecting scaffolding round the Cenotaph in Whitehall prior to the addition of an inscription to commemorate the dead of the 1939-45 war. The King unveiled the inscription yesterday—Remembrance Day.

"Invasion" Of S California Begins To-Day

San Francisco, Nov. 10. (UP).—The first peacetime triphibious war games in the nation's history will get under way on Monday when a full United States infantry division sails from Olympia, Washington, to make an assault on an "enemy" who has "overrun" southern California and the southwestern states.

Thousands of troops of the Second Division will swarm ashore between Los Angeles and San Diego from landing craft covered by a thundering "bombardment" from units of the Pacific Fleet.

The Second Division are veterans of D-Day at Normandy, the drive across France from West to the Siegfried Line and the Battle of the Bulge.

After securing a beachhead, the Second Division will advance inland eight to ten miles over rugged coastal hills through defences prepared and manned by "enemy" troops. The penetration is expected to take four days. Simulated battle conditions will test for the first time the fighter group of P-50 jet-propelled aircraft. Airborne troops will also be employed on the morning of D-Day plus 1 and "casualties" will be evacuated by the same planes that bring in air reinforcements.

Real gunfire and bomb support from numerous naval vessels and Army Air Force planes will support the assault.

Paris And London Draw In Rugby Encounter

Paris, Nov. 10.—Paris and London drew, three points all, in the traditional inter-city Rugby Union match here this afternoon. All the scoring came in the first half.

There were plenty of thrills for the 7,000 spectators at the Parc des Princes ground and they saw London almost snatch victory when, with a minute left of play, Davies just missed a drop goal.

In cold, but otherwise favourable conditions, Paris were somewhat lucky to take the lead four minutes from the start through a penalty goal by Chalmers. Paris pressed strongly but the London defence held.

London fought back and equalized after 20 minutes, though, an unconverted try by Melver. The Paris backs were much faster and safer than the London backs, but the visiting forwards played excellently.

Indian Congress To Meet Despite Communal Riots

New Delhi, Nov. 10.—The All-India Congress will hold its annual session at Meerut, scene of communal disturbances in the United Provinces, on November 23 as arranged, it was announced here to-day.

Ten people were killed and 50 were injured in Meerut and several people were arrested for breach of the 24-hour curfew imposed after stabbing incidents last night.

Forty-five people were reported to have been killed and 25 seriously injured at Shahjahanpur on Thursday when 40 people were killed and 39 were injured.

Mahatma Gandhi, who is touring the riot-affected areas in eastern Bengal, declared in an interview published in his weekly newspaper, Harijan, to-day that communal trouble will continue as long as British troops remain in India.—Reuter.

Gandhi's Tour
Calcutta, Nov. 10.—Mahatma Gandhi, continuing his tour of Eastern Bengal riot districts, to-day visited a village where 10 men were killed and burned together in one house on October 15.

He saw the charred bodies still lying on the bloodstained floor of the house where only two men escaped death in an attack by hooligans. Mrs Sucheta Kripalani, wife of Mr J. B. Kripalani, Congress Party President, showed Mr Gandhi round the village, a once thriving community but now deserted by hooligans and completely deserted by its inhabitants.—Reuter.

Knife Carrying Banned
New Delhi, Nov. 10.—The Bombay provincial government last night decreed knife carrying a criminal offence. Those arrested with knives in their possession are liable to be whipped in public.

There has been a slight improvement in the riot situation throughout the country.

Calcutta municipal government's latest measures were the application of collective fines on whole districts where disturbances took place.—Central News.

CANE FOR SNATCHER

For snatching a wrist watch from a woman, Ma Hon-sang, 18, was sentenced to a month and 12 strokes of the cane by Mr Sheldon at Central Prison, this morning.

Inspector Sel said the incident occurred at 1.30 p.m. on Saturday in Leighton Hill Road. The woman caught Ma and there was a struggle with both of them rolling on the ground. Ma Dir passed in a jeep and arrested Ma.

and were always dangerous.—Reuter.

SWITZERLAND WIN

Berne, Nov. 10.—Switzerland beat Austria 1-0 in the 10th Soccer International between the two countries here to-day.—Reuter.

Jew Terrorists Blow Up Main Line Railway Station In Palestine

JERUSALEM, Nov. 10.—One British soldier was slightly injured when an explosion occurred 30 minutes after the Ras el Ein railway station, north of the main junction of Lydda, was evacuated to-day.

The military ordered evacuation following discovery of a number of suitcases marked "bombs, dangerous" in the waiting room of the station.

The damage has not yet been assessed.

It was learned later that the main station building was completely destroyed and other buildings extensively damaged in the explosion, in which three British soldiers and one Arab are now stated to have been slightly injured.

It is authoritatively stated in Jerusalem that three Jews drove up to the station in a black van, entered the waiting room carrying suitcases and threatened a signaller, who challenged them, at pistol point. They made their getaway before the police and troops reached the scene.

The Ras el Ein station is on the main Haifa-Kantara line, linking Palestine with Egypt.

The Iraqi Zawal Lami broadcast to-night acknowledged responsibility for the bombing of the Ras el Ein station, declaring: "We succeeded in cutting communications between Palestine and Egypt."

Another broadcast by the terrorist organisation said: "No security measures in Britain, or in British embassies abroad, will prevent Iraqi soldiers from reaching their goal."

Haganah circles said that although they genuinely disassociate themselves from the Iraqi and Stern groups, policies of action they would not "degenerate into an internal struggle as long as damage from outside comes ever larger."

With the return to Jerusalem of Jamal Hussain, acting chairman of the Arab High Committee with other high-ranking members of the High Committee, it was understood here that the ground had been prepared in Lebanon for co-operation of the Palestine Arab Army's Najada Futuwa plus youth organisations of the northern neighbourhoods of Palestine.—Reuter and United Press.

Reign Of Terror In Bulgaria

Athens, Nov. 10 (UP).—Government reports from Serres state that Lieut Col Ivan Inavov Kologanoff, of the Bulgarian Army, surrendered to a Greek frontier post at Belles Mountain and informed Greek Army officials of a reign of terrorism in Bulgaria in which more than 60,000 have been executed and 40,000 imprisoned and many exiled.

Col Inavov, who was said to be an important officer in the Bulgarian Ministry of War, told Army officials that as a result of the purge Bulgarian officers by the hundreds have been driven into the hills where they have formed resistance bands. He said that Gen Ivan Kiroff, chief of the Bulgarian General Staff, issued a confidential order for the arrest of all officers who have shown no sympathy for the Communist Party.

Col Inavov is en route to Athens via Salonika for questioning by the Ministry of War.

Morale Of China's Communists Declining?

Kalgan, Nov. 4 (Delayed), (UP).—Wang Yu-ming, a young officer of the Communist Eighth Route Army who surrendered to General Tu Tso-yi's forces in Hunan, Chahar, said to-day that the Communist Eighth Army morale is declining and disclosed that it is divided into two opposing cliques.

Wang said the Red armed forces are made up of three classes: of soldiers—veterans of the long Communist trek in 1936 from Kiangsi to Yennan, those who joined the fight against Japan in 1937 and the compulsory draftees who constitute the non-vocal element.

Revealing the growing animosity between the two classes, he said the "long trek" clique had more power than the anti-Japanese clique making all the important decisions and enjoying certain special privileges. This clique is determined to fight on and "usurp power for an eventual one-party rule to build a new China" but the anti-Japanese clique wants peace.

Wang added that those of the first clique were allowed to marry after the Japanese surrender but "those of the anti-Japanese clique were not permitted to find a wife."

The health of the Eighth Route Army is deteriorating, said Wang. Officers and men received equal pay which is seven catties of wheat per month but officers above battalion commander are given extra allowances. He said the Eighth Army is equipped mostly with Japanese weapons which were taken over from the Japanese in China Proper following the Japanese surrender and some were sent from Manchuria.

At present left in Kalgan, Wang is enjoying a large measure of freedom of movement under General Fu's policy of benevolent treatment for Red war prisoners. He is being given option of going back to his home in Peking or joining the National Army, saying "when I fight for the Government I will be fighting for the country's future."

ADMIRAL'S CRUISE

HMS Belfast sailed yesterday wearing the flag of Vice Admiral Sir Denis Boyd, C-in-C BPF, in a short cruise during which he will visit Penang, and Singapore. He is expected to return the first week in December.

FIGHTING INTENSIFIED THROUGHOUT SHANTUNG

Nanking, Nov. 10 (UP).—Fighting intensified throughout Shantung Peninsula as the deadline for Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's cease-fire order neared and as the United States Presidential envoy, General George C. Marshall attempted to win Communist support to stop fighting.

Gen Marshall called a meeting of this three-man committee this afternoon to discuss the cease-fire order. The Generalissimo's order, which called upon his troops to stop fighting at noon on Monday unless attacked, would have little effect unless the Communists do likewise.

Gen Chen Cheng, Government Chief-of-Staff, has agreed to confer with Gen Chou En-lai, the Communist representative. General Chen held a meeting with General Marshall this morning to determine whether he would participate. Reliable Communist sources said it.

Gen Chou En-lai would take part in the committee negotiations if the cease-fire order was not conditioned upon Communist participation in the National Assembly. If Chou agrees to participate it would mark the first Government-Communist meeting on such a level in over two months.

Meanwhile, strong pressure is being put on the Generalissimo by Gen Marshall and Dr Lo Lung-chi, Democratic League leader, to postpone the National Assembly until the Political Consultative Council's Steering Committee invokes it.

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**RAF Aid Indian
Famine Areas**

In response to an urgent request from Sir Frederick Burrows, Governor of Bengal, Air Marshal Sir Roderick Carr, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, India, sent an aircraft to Calcutta to transport food grain to the famine stricken population in the Dacca and Chittagong areas. Service aircraft operating between Calcutta and Madras supported by aircraft from other areas were switched over to this new task. In consequence, the service airline between these centres was restricted pending completion of this operation. The India Command is also dropping supplies in another area. More than 300 tons of supplies are to be dropped by aircraft of the India Command to eleven units of the Assam Rifles garrisoning remote outposts on the north-east frontier of India.

The outposts, situated along the Assam, Tibet and Assam, China frontiers are entirely cut off from the rest of the world. The supplies which are being dropped must last the garrison six months, announces the Air Ministry in London.

The advent of air supply has eliminated the use of nearly 3,000 porters each carrying a sixty pound pack who would have taken six months to do the job. One of the chief difficulties is the weather in Assam. November is usually the best month of the year for operations of this type. It will, however, be a fight against time as in the latter part of December the weather starts to deteriorate.

**British Scientific
Initiative**

Practical examples of scientific and commercial initiative are the best proof of Britain's progress in peace-time production.

Among many such examples there is the British rayon industry, where the production of filament yarn has reached 80 per cent of pre-war production, with staple output even better. Then there is the construction of a 15,000-ton whaler factory ship, Balaena, the first ship of its kind to be fitted with aircraft for whale-spotting and weather reconnaissance. Its factory contains one of the largest oil-producing plants ever installed in a ship, and there is elaborate plant for dealing with by-products.

Again, wide interest has been aroused by the recent announcement of the British discovery of a new man-made textile fibre, "Terylene," the new product, differs from all other fibres so far produced, whether natural or man-made, and the clothing industry may be revolutionized by this new fibre which may take its place with nylon as one of the outstanding synthetic discoveries of the age.

A new chemical process—Petrocarbone—promises to make an important contribution to Petroleum technology in Britain, and will provide a new source of derivatives widely used in the chemical industry.

**563 Nazis To Stand Mass
Trial by French in Rastatt**

Paris, Nov. 9 (UP).—The U.S. Army authorities to-day delivered 563 Nazis, all ex-members of the administrative corps of German concentration camps, to the French Government at Rastatt for mass trial to start next week in the all-French war criminal trials.

The defendants include camp commanders, doctors, male and female nurses and Gestapo and SS men who will be sentenced charged with the deaths of at least 25,000 concentration camp victims.

SYNTHETIC PENICILLIN

The magazine Science, published by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, in an article by Dr. Vincent du Vigneaud and a group of collaborators at Cornell University Medical College, reports the discovery of a method to synthesize penicillin; thus the door is now open for the preparation of penicillin—perhaps to provide weapons against tuberculosis, typhus, malaria and the common cold.

The article said the discovery may develop a new type, to remain longer in the body, overcoming the present handicap in the fact that the body eliminates the drug over-fast for good therapeutic results, says United Press.

CHINESE NAVY TRAINING

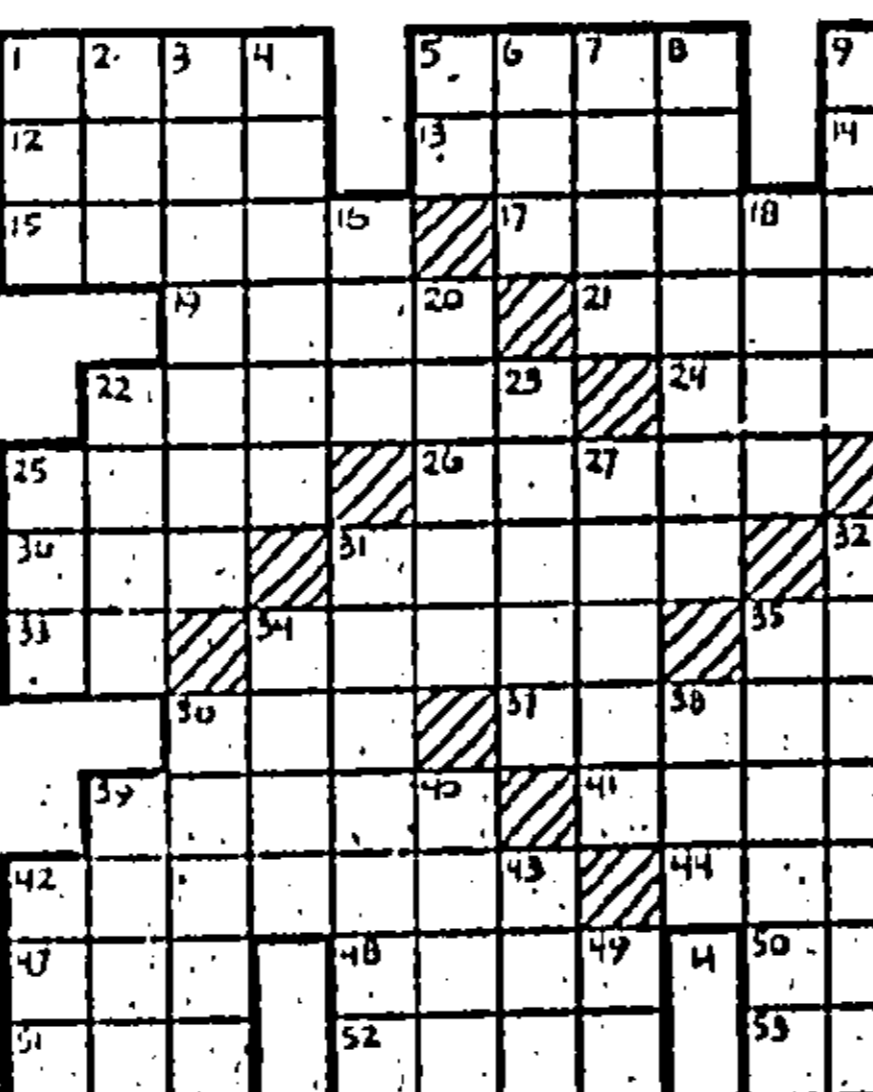
Shanghai, Nov. 9 (UP).—A party of 600 men of the Chinese Navy is sailing to-morrow (Sunday) aboard Empress of Australia for England for training.

The group includes the first Chinese naval personnel to be assigned to submarine crews who will bring back British submarines which are gifts to China.

Crossword Puzzle

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS
1—Disagreeable
2—Frightful bird
3—Bird's name
4—None
5—Drag stone
6—Sacked city
7—Primitive stone instrument
8—Cooking fat
9—Growing out
10—Order
11—And life
12—Part used as fuel
13—Story by Homer
14—Praised twice
15—Place in rest



DOWN
1—Panned uncle
2—Number
3—Dingy
4—Tuxedo
5—Steamship
6—Charged particle
7—Meritless
8—Middle of day
9—Best part
10—Olfact
11—Tree of horror
12—Land measure
13—Golf shot
14—Man (Latin)
15—Tough
16—Cleric's target
17—Cliff's name
18—Speaker's platform
19—Is (Latin)
20—Thick island on Greenland
21—Landing lady
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**YORKSHIRE
NEWSLETTER**

(By B. C. Dunthorne)

The people of the South Yorkshire mining village of Staithes are very persistent, for they are still pursuing the possibility of getting a totalisator for the village.

Some months ago Mr. A. McConachie, a minor, employed at Hatfield Main Colliery suggested that the village should have a totalisator. His idea was that money now finding its way into the satchels of bookmakers should be diverted to a "totalisator" for and by the Parish Council.

His argument was that plenty of money was being "handed over" to the bookmakers which would help to relieve the rates. He did not wait to stop betting, for he realised that it was impossible.

The three bookmakers themselves, curiously, did not raise any objection for they believed, and still do, they can meet any competition coming from the "totalisator" and if the rates can be reduced so much the better.

No Legislation
But Mr. T. J. M. MP, said there was no legislation to permit the village to establish a village totalisator. It appeared as if the matter would rest there, but not so. The Parish Council has now asked the local Labour Party to give its support to the scheme.

But the Parish secretary is not so sure about it. He thinks that Parliament will not be too ready to pass legislation to permit a village totalisator to be established, no matter how desirable it may be because there are more important things to be attended to at the moment.

There is, however, the germ of an idea for the future. Just imagine having a bob on an outsider with your local council, and then telling the Treasurer to deduct the rates from your winnings. Yes, there are distinct possibilities in it.

It is doubtful whether any Yorkshire project has aroused so much interest for years as has the suggestion that Fountains Abbey, should become a Roman Catholic monastery after it has been restored.

The Committee headed by the Duke of Norfolk, who, of course, has extensive connections in the Shetland district, is sparing no pains to let it be known that its sole object is to make Fountains Abbey not only a useful place, but a place of improved beauty.

There are others who consider that the restoration of this most famous of all ruins in the north of England would destroy its value and historic interest.

The reply to this, of course, is that there is no intention to debar the public from access to the main portions of it. Some parts have been closed to the public for years.

Restoration of the Abbey is not likely to be rushed; in fact it will probably take a long number of years, and it is certain that the experts who have been engaged will not be too anxious to get the work done until full and proper investigation of the possibilities have been investigated.

It is now believed that agreement has been reached in the negotiations between the Reconstruction Committee and Commander Clare Vynor, the owner, as to the terms of purchase.

The Archbishop of York, Dr. Garbett, has done much to silence some of the opposition to the scheme, by pointing out that there can be no forced response.

The club ace was put up, and for want of a better play, South led a diamond from dummy. East won with the queen, and now, with the obvious idea that no harm could be done by returning the spade jack, led that card. South covered with the queen, and West's king went to the ace. Without hesitation, and still leaving trump-drawing to the future, declarer returned the spade three.

East, of course, could win very safely with the eight—but, to his credit, he now discovered that it would be necessary to guess just how many diamond and clubs the declarer had held. Tentatively, East laid down the club ten, but after it held he could not be absolutely sure whether South still had another club or a diamond that the declarer could collect. East probably should have guessed right—but he didn't. He led his last club, and South ruffed high. Now declarer cashed the trump ace, led low to the trump nine, and returned the spade nine through East. If East had refused to cover South would have discarded his diamond then and there; on East's actual covering with the spade ten, South ruffed high, re-entered dummy with a trump, and discarded the diamond on the spade six, which was now good.

Obviously enough, the defenders could have taken two diamonds, one club and one spade.

**Cardinal Thanks
Canadian Knights**

The end of the great war effort of the Canadian Knights of Columbus was recently marked officially in London by a farewell party attended by Britain's Cardinal Griffin and many other distinguished people. The KOC arrived in Britain in 1940 to play their part in the Canadian welfare effort. Among their many activities was a hospitality service through the medium of which Canadian Servicemen—whether Catholic or of other denominations—were put in touch with private families anxious to entertain them in their homes.

A recent visitor to Britain was Cardinal Frings, Archbishop of Cologne, who, toured German Prisoner-of-War Camps in England and Scotland.

All camps were open to him and after an extensive inspection the Cardinal expressed himself satisfied with all he found and even described the camps as "padded cages." He was particularly impressed by the spiritual service which priests in Britain are giving to the prisoners.

PEIPING AS CAPITAL?

Peiping, Nov. 10 (UP).—College professors, lawyers and congressmen are now campaigning that Peiping be restored once more as the capital of China.

The reasons given are that Peiping has the best situation for defence, politics, economics, communications, civilisation and weather and also that Peiping has been several times the capital of China and has a well-known history.

The industrial and commercial world especially approved of Peiping as the capital of China.

objection to Fountains Abbey being used after reconstruction as projected, even though it is a Roman Catholic proposal.

Rotherham Borough Council is setting a rare pace for other local authorities to follow in the matter of providing permanent houses. Though Leeds claims to be in a better position than any other place in the provinces, there is no denying the fact that apart from Manchester and Birmingham Rotherham has the best building record so far.

It has already constructed well over 100 permanent houses and plans to have its East Herringthorpe estate of 678 permanent and 280 temporary houses completed by next autumn.

Sheffield Housing
Its big neighbour Sheffield has done a lot of shouting about its housing progress, but there is no getting away from the fact that it is 2,000 short of its target.

Rotherham has set to work and built the houses while others have done the talking.

When the National Fire Brigade Association met in Bridlington recently, Chief Officer J. L. Naylor said that every smoker of a pipe or cigarette caused at least one serious fire during his lifetime, and he was surprised at the casual way in which the majority treated their pipes or cigarettes.

Mr. Andrew Boggan, Deputy Town Clerk of West Hartlepool has been appointed to a similar post at Newcastle-Under-Lyme.

Catterick Camp is to begin publishing its own newspaper, The Catterick Express. It is claimed that it will be the first army newspaper to be printed and published in England.

**Flashlights From
Britain**

Sixty firms exhibited at the recent Welsh Industries Fair at Cardiff. Total orders obtained are estimated at £3,000,000 including £600,000 for export. Among the latter were purchases of perambulators, wooden toys, and gloves.

The Southern Railway in Britain has allocated £100,000 to a track renewal programme to be carried out by prefabrication. Rails, sleepers and chairs will be assembled at a depot in 60 ft. lengths, brought to the site and dropped in place by cranes. The new system puts the track out of action only half as long as the old, and is expected to save 13½ per cent in cost.

The "Speaking Clock" which has been in use in London for 10 years, and now supplies the time by telephone to 500,000 callers a week in the London area alone, is due for an overhaul. It is proposed, when staff is available, to examine each part of the mechanism and to replace any worn parts. While it is having its "wash and brush up" announcement during the overhaul, the country will be supplied by the duplicate installation in Liverpool.

Preliminary arrangements for the 1947 scheme for the interchange of teachers between Britain and the U.S.A. are announced by the Ministry of Education on behalf of the British Interchange Committee. At least 150 teachers, from all types of schools in Britain, will exchange posts with a similar number of American teachers. They will be placed as far as possible, in schools of comparable type.

An oxy-electric arc welding and cutting apparatus was recently demonstrated at Alexandra Dock, Liverpool, England. Its purpose is to save unloading and dry-docking slightly damaged ships by carrying out minor repairs under water. It is claimed that it can do this more reliably than, and in half the time taken by, the standard oxy-hydrogen apparatus. The new apparatus can also cut up the hulls of submerged wrecks.

Personnel of Britain's Royal Navy, and, especially, the Royal Marines, who played a major part in the capture of Walcheren Island, are contributing to a fund opened by the Dutch Government to help the million-and-a-half refugees destroyed during the flooding and final assaults on the island. Fought in November, 1944, the action, which involved breaches in the fortified dykes, laid open the way to Antwerp.

Messrs. Harland and Wolff of Belfast, Northern Ireland, have laid the keel of a twin-screw passenger and cargo liner of 10,000 tons gross for the Royal Mail Lines service between London and South America. It will accommodate 120 first-class and 350 third-class passengers. For the far eastern services of the P and O, four fast cargo ships, of 9,200 tons gross, are being built. Two of them are to be steamships and two motor vessels. Each will have a speed of 18 knots, carrying 10,750 tons deadweight of cargo, 100,000 cubic feet of refrigerated produce and twelve passengers.

KOREA-FLOOD-CALAMITY

Seoul, Nov. 9 (UP).—Military government officials announced that the dyke in the sea eight miles from Taegu broke "due to unknown reasons," flooding 300 homes and destroying many properties.

The situation in southern Chollanmo province remained tense as military government sources reported that a mob of 1,000 attacked the police station at Tungyang, near Pusan, on Thursday with two persons killed. The Police Chief was seriously injured.

MANILA STRIKES

Manila, Nov. 10 (UP).—Two strikes by the Meralco and the Philippine Metal Sheet, were declared yesterday on the sixth day of the city strike which started last Sunday.

Workers of the Philippine Railway in Panay will declare a walk-out on Tuesday, November 12. Other strikes in the offing. Meanwhile, the Civil Liberties Union meeting yesterday decided to form a corps of lawyers to defend strikers who may be involved in court cases. The CLU also sent a cable to the CLU, United States, for aid and sympathy.

LIPSTICK IN GAOL

The Home Secretary has approved a proposal by the Prison Commissioners that women prisoners shall in future be allowed to use lipstick, powder and face cream bought from the prison shop out of their jail earnings.

NANCY Rhyme with Reason

NANCY---LISTEN TO
DIS-NEW SONG I
JUST WROTE



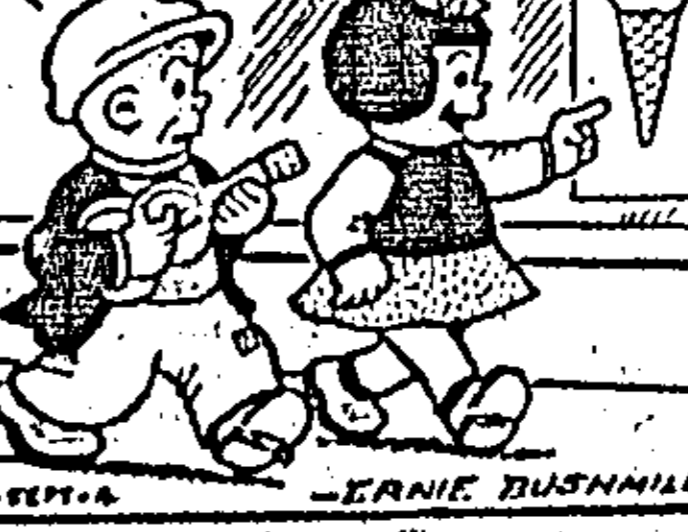
I SHOULD'N KNOWN
OUR LOVE HAS FLOWN-
YOUR HEART IS STONE,
YOU WERE MY OWN.



WHEN I'M ALONE
I WANNA PHONE,
I WANNA GROAN,
I WANNA MOAN.



I WANNA CONE



By Ernie Bushmiller

U.S. Overseas Broadcasting Difficulties

U.S. State Department attempts to explain the American way of life to Russia and the Balkans are being hindered, officials have admitted, by the difficulty in establishing U.S. Radio facilities abroad.

France already has requested abandonment of American broadcasting facilities in North Africa, and some other European Governments have been reported similarly opposed to providing sites for U.S. transmitters, states United Press.

The State Department hopes to launch its Russian broadcasts shortly, it was learned. Inability to obtain necessary relay transmitters in Europe makes this difficult, but not impossible, officials said.

France has asked the U.S. Government to dispose of its three powerful transmitters operated in Algiers since the Allied invasion of 1942, asserting that their continued operation can no longer be justified as a war measure.

The transmitters, along with leased facilities of the British Broadcasting Corporation in London, are the sole means now available to relay into Europe American news, editorial comment and musical programmes. The present broadcasting schedules include a minimum of hourly daily programmes to all European countries but Russia. The purpose is to acquaint the world better with American views and aims.

The Algiers stations, from which encouragement was beamed to resistance groups throughout Europe in pre-invasion days, probably will be transferred to French control, by sale or otherwise, the State Department has said. Thereafter the U.S. Government may lease broadcasting time over the facilities.

Officials said the opposition to establishment of American radio facilities abroad was based primarily on fears that it would breach the sovereign rights of the nations concerned. In addition, some countries reportedly fear that such action may align them too closely with the American point of view and incur Russian displeasure.

A further difficulty is that Russia, through an earlier international agreement controls many of the desirable standard broadcasting frequencies.

State Department plans for its Russian broadcasts call for daily hour of objective news reports, literature, music and other cultural expressions. Broadcasting times later would be lengthened.

Difficulty in setting up transmitters to relay programmes originated in this country may be solved by placing them within the American occupation zone of Germany. Such location, it has been said, might enable broadcasts on standard wavelengths which are more readily heard than those over short-wave channels.

SHINTOISM SUPPORT

Tokyo, Nov. 10.—Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters have directed the Japanese Government "to take appropriate action" to stop associations from collecting funds for Shinto shrines. Following complaints that local bodies are continuing to violate the Emperor's previous directive, abolishing official support of Shintoism—State worship of the Emperor—Reuter.

NOTICE

BUILDING FOR SALE.

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NOTICE

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE

A Requiem Mass will be said at St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road, on Tuesday, November 12th, at 9.00 a.m. for the repose of the souls of Reverend Brother Almar, former Director of St. Joseph's College, Reverend Brother Peter, members of the staff, and pupils who died during the Battle or subsequent occupation of Hong Kong. All friends of the College will be welcome.

THE DIRECTOR.

I Set Out Across "Meatless America"

by C. V. R. THOMPSON

RED OAK (Iowa).

IN the thirteen years that I have been stationed in New York someone has reminded me at least once a week that New York is not really America.

A few days ago my post-war dream car was unexpectedly delivered to me. And so I turned that car into a moving news bureau—to report on the real America.

With my typewriter and a fat bundle of cable blanks, I travelled away from the skyscrapers, the Wall-street ticker tape, the lights of Broadway, the glamour girls and the tired business men. Six days later I have reached Red Oak, Iowa, in the heart of America's Middle West.

The Middle West, you know, is that mysterious region that Washington always blames when it does not want to do something that Whitehall wants it to do.

Chicago is the metropolis of the Middle West. I missed Chicago. I missed it, first, because it takes nearly a day to drive through it. Second, I find I am always inclined to get a wrong impression of the Middle West by reading that anti-British Chicago newspaper which is now in the midst of a campaign to convince its 1,000,000 readers that Monty came here to drag America into a third world war.

Third, I discovered that the meat famine brought on by the return of Government control is so serious, even in the meat capital, that the famed Saddle and Siroin Club faced at this week's luncheon a menu of scrambled eggs.

There is really no mystery about the disappearance of meat from the dinner tables of one of the world's greatest meat-producing nations.

In The Pastures

THE meat is in the pastures of the agricultural Middle West, on the ranges of the ranching Far West. It is getting fatter and fatter on one of the country's largest maize crops.

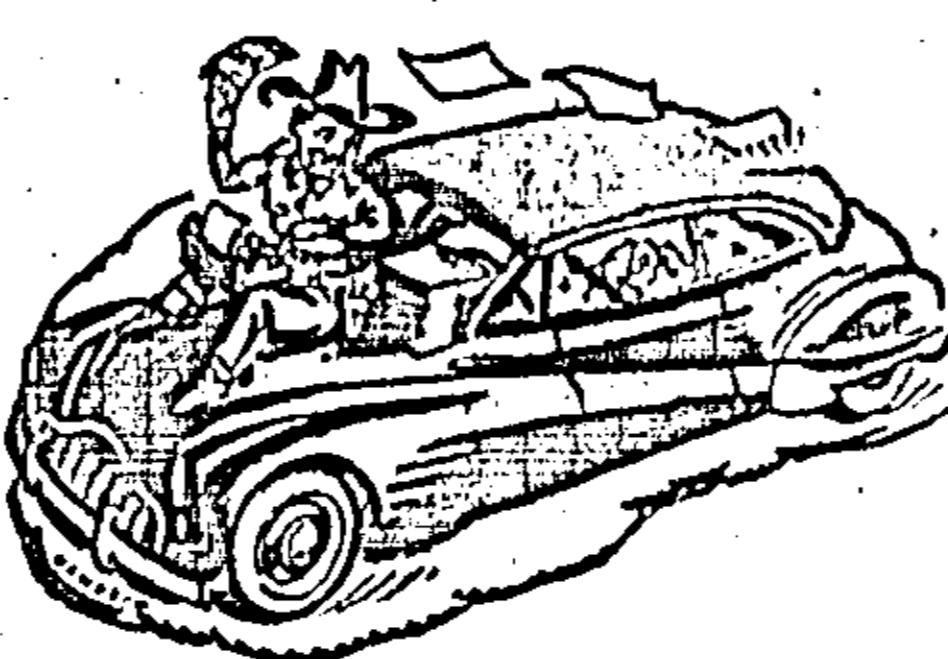
Heavier animals mean higher prices later—especially if price controls go. And there is an additional reason why there is so little meat to go round. Never have so many Americans had so much money to buy so few roasts and steaks.

In little restaurants on small-town main streets there are now three Fridays in every week. Haddock and cod, shrimp and lobster dot dinner plates throughout the land.

In the heart of the Middle West, which is not Chicago, but a small town like this one, with white houses finished in weatherboarding, a tree-lined main street paved with red brick, and all dominated by a stockyard or a grain elevator beside

MY DREAM CAR . . .

Cost (including radio, heater and windshield cleaning gadget) . . . \$523
Size . . . 6-seater
Speed . . . 85 m.p.h.
Petrol . . . 18 m.p.g.
Windows, drivers' seat, adjusted electrically.



the railway, they do not seem any more anti-British than the people of, let us say, Taunton are anti-American.

I have done a lot of talking in these all-kill small towns, and a great deal more listening.

No one mentioned the war debts that are supposed to be their top reason for disliking Britain. No one talked about Britain dragging them into the war we are all supposed to have won.

Actually I would say that to-day New York is more anti-British than the Middle West. Indeed, you hear people round these parts saying that if you want to be rude to a Middle Westerner you call him an isolationist.

The Good Earth

ALL that breaks the flatness of the land—which looks like Essex multiplied by at least a thousand—are the mountains of wheat already harvested and waiting to be hauled away, and the forests of maize yet unharvested. Everywhere you go there is good, rich earth and blazing sunshine.

The world's troubles, so much on top of me in New York, seem so far away. Everything seems far away, even the next house.

And yet the people who live in this region are not away from it at all more. There is probably nothing more parochial in the world than the average American newspaper. Multiply that ten-fold and you have the average American small-town newspaper.

Yet in the newspapers that have taken the place of the New York Times beside my coffee cup I find far more space given to what Stalin has said than to what is happening in Paris. Churchill's United States of Europe plan, the rights and wrongs—mostly wrongs—of Henry Wallace, than to the local political campaign, the divorcees, the murder in the next county, the forthcoming pumpkin festival.

And when I have met these people either at the local coffee shop, soda fountain, or local pub, they have talked mostly of these same problems, and I have felt out of place for not being as well posted as they.

In the past few days I have travelled through three vast States—Indiana, Illinois, and now Iowa—but I might have been moving on a mile-long treadmill.

Miles of Prairie

THE only break in the miles and miles of prairie came the night I stopped in Peoria in Illinois, a picked Peoria because I know the name so well. Perhaps that was because I had seen it on so many bottles. For Peoria is America's top distilling centre. They even make fake Scotch there with such names as Royal Banquet, Highland Plaid, Twelve Kilts and so forth.

Well, Peoria smelled nearly as bad as its Scotch.

It was here for the first time since I have been in America that I slept in an hotel room without an adjoining bathroom.

It was here that I found that, outside the cities America follows the high-tech tradition of Britain's north. At eight o'clock I had to walk three miles before I could find a coffee shop (the Middle West's term for restaurant) that would serve me.

TRADE BARRIERS ELIMINATION NEGOTIATIONS

Washington, Nov. 9.—The United States will begin negotiations with 18 nations including China next April for reciprocal trade agreements to eliminate trade barriers, it was announced to-day by the State Department.

These negotiations will involve all the trading nations now meeting in London to sponsor a world conference on trade and employment and to establish an international trade association.

Stressing the importance of the forthcoming discussions, President Truman said: "They are essential to the structure of international economic co-operation under the United Nations. He emphasised that the success or failure of these negotiations will largely determine whether the world will move towards a system of liberal international trade, free from arbitrary barriers, excessive tariffs and discrimination or pay the heavy cost of narrow economic nationalism.

Public hearings will be held in January for American economic interests to voice their views on the tariff concessions that the United States is prepared to make on an announced list of commodities.—Central News.

MISAPPROPRIATION CASE

Tsinan, Nov. 10.—For misappropriation of enemy property taken over from the Government, Chou Hai-ling, former adviser to the Shantung Provincial Government, was sentenced to death yesterday by the Shantung High Court. Chou's two accomplices, Wang Fen-heng and Cheng Hui-hung, were sentenced to life and 12 years imprisonment, respectively.—Central News.

Conditions In Shanghai To-Day

Population Increase of 750,000 Since VJ-Day

With an average of 50,000 people infiltrating into Shanghai monthly from the hinterland, the population here has risen to 3,750,000, compared with slightly over 3,000,000 after VJ-Day. Although some months before Pearl Harbour the city boasted of a population of over 4,000,000, it has never appeared more overcrowded than to-day.

The main streets and sidewalks are crowded day and night; hotels and boarding houses, from the most pretentious to the lowliest, have long waiting lists; and the housing shortage has become more acute than ever.

Above all, the heavy influx of people has created a traffic problem which has defied a solution by the city and transportation authorities. Shanghai's traffic "rush" is unique in that it lasts from 8 a.m. till 8 p.m. Between these hours every street car and bus is packed tight with a mass of struggling, sweating humanity—going, whether or not one knows.

In contrast with the steady stream of Chinese pouring into the city, the foreign population continues to shrink monthly. At present the British and French communities are the smallest on record for the past 25 years.

The slow revival of business, uncertain prospects and the high cost of living are mainly responsible for the continued departure of foreigners, most of whom have no idea of returning to China.

The economic and industrial situation here remains extremely serious, with an average of one factory, bank or business establishment closing every day in the past three months.

The purchasing power of the dollar continues to drop. In August it was officially given as .0171, in September .0140 and in October it is believed to have touched a new low of around .01.

According to press reports in the past few weeks 117 commercial houses have closed. The majority of these failures is attributed to the high rate of interest on loans and the slower advance of prices of the commodities they handle. The Government is now reported to have taken the matter in hand in a "last-minute effort to save the situation from total collapse."

CORRESPONDENCE

England's Nazareth

(To the Editor, H.K. Telegraph)

Sir,—Those who love the Norfolk village of Walsingham and its celebrated shrine of Our Lady will rejoice at the findings of the resumption of pilgrimages given by the "East Anglian Newsletter" in your issue of November 8.—They will be anxious, however, to see corrected certain misprints and errors which have found a place in the Newsletter, lest those who read there for the first time of a very wonderful place should be in any way misled or misled.

The cult of Our Lady of Walsingham was revived in the Church of England at the parish church of Walsingham (NOT Walsington or Walsingham) in 1921. It was only some ten years later that Roman Catholics acquired the Slipper Chapel, a small building on the outskirts of the village. In the meantime, an Anglican body had acquired the site of the medieval shrine and the miraculous well hard by it. The shrine was rebuilt; a community of Anglican nuns was sent to maintain a pilgrims' hostel; in course of time a magnificent church (completed in 1933) grew up over the shrine; and an orphanage and school have gathered round it.

It is quite incorrect to speak of "two rival shrines." There was only one shrine in the Middle Ages, and there is only one now—that which is in Anglican custody. "Rivalry," moreover, is not a happy term for pilgrimages as may exist between members of the Church of England and the Church of Rome in this Norfolk village. Rather it should be described as a holy (and one may hope, friendly) competition between two groups of Christians as to which shall exceed in honouring Christ by praying His Holy Mother, Our Lady.

Nor does Walsingham claim to be "the Bethlehem of the British Isles"—there is, so far as I know, only one Bethlehem. It does claim, however, and with justice, to be the Nazareth of England, as possessing a replica of the Holy House of the Annunciation similar to the one found at Loreto. It is the hope of the writer that many of your readers, when next they are in England, will make the acquaintance of "England's Nazareth."

J. S. DUNKERLEY.

MORO UPRISING?

Manila, Nov. 10 (UP).—Eight powerful Moro organisations with a total strength conservatively estimated at 3,000 well-armed men are concentrated in different parts of Sulu and may cause the Philippine Republic trouble in the near future, intelligence reports received by the Department of Interior revealed yesterday.

Another report stated that remnants of the Japanese forces are trying to descend on Zamboanga city and that the Japanese are being fed by non-Christians.

World's Largest Transport Plane Takes Off

Burbank, Calif., Nov. 9 (UP).

—The world's largest transport plane, Lockheed's 92-ton Constitution, took off to-day in its first test flight to Muroc Dry Lake, on the California desert.

The craft, which is capable of carrying a 400-passenger military load in a double-decked carrier with a tail standing higher than a three-storey building.

The plane took off slowly on the 8,000-foot runway at Lockheed's Terminal and landed between 20 and 25 seconds. Nearly 10,000 aircraft workers and their families turned out to watch the huge craft lumber down the runway and bank slowly over nearby buildings.

ADRIFT IN OPEN BOAT FOR TWELVE DAYS

Okinawa, Nov. 10 (UP).—Three men missing in a small boat since they left on a pleasure cruise on October 28, landed late on Friday, November 8, on Miyako Island, approximately 100 miles south-west of Okinawa, it was announced by the First Air Division here to-day.

According to a message received at the First Air Division from the commanding officer of the southern district military government, Miyako Island, the men were in fair physical condition despite the 12 days spent in an open boat without food or water.

The men were identified as Corporal Robert L. Elam, of Columbus, Ohio; Pfc. Harold J. Ryan, Jr., of Troy, New York and Stanley Myers, son of Arthur Myers, of Philadelphia. Myers is Philco representative on Okinawa.

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German Socialists' Admission To World Conference

Bournemouth (England), Nov. 10. (UP).—The question of whether the German Socialist Party should be admitted to future meetings of the International Socialist Conference was discussed to-day at the second day of the conference.

A suggestion for admission of the German group was made by the British Labour Party and will be supported by the Norwegian delegate, Haakon Lie, who will speak on behalf of all four Scandinavian countries—Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Finland.

In the discussion last evening on "Invited Socialist parties" the conference decided that the Socialist information and liaison office should exchange information and documents with the American Socialist movement.

Both the American Socialist Party of Norman Thomas and American Socialist Democrat Federation will be approached by SILO. The admission of an American Socialist representative to future conferences, however was not considered.

The Canadian delegate said to-day that he may bring up again the problem of the American Socialist movement and its relation to the International Socialist community.

The conference also decided that SILO should exchange information with the Jewish Socialist Party "Bund" in Poland which is anti-Zionist.

In a memorandum distributed to conference delegates the Hungarian Socialist Democrats complained that the International Socialist movement left them in the lurch. The memorandum alleged that "leaders of the international labour movement do not display toward the Hungarian Socialist Democratic Party the expected solidarity."

The memo added that the Allied Socialist representatives at the Paris Peace Conference refused to grant a hearing to the Socialist leader of the Hungarian economic delegation and that the Czech Socialist Party refused to receive the leading Hungarian Socialists who came to Prague.

Concluding, the memo defended the alliance of Hungarian Socialists with Hungarian Communists because "close and practical co-operation" was needed as the Hungarian flight wing "cherished vain hopes of an open counter-revolutionary move."

ECONOMIC UNION OF GERMANY DISCUSSIONS

Washington.—The Anglo-American plan for the economic unification of all Germany, which will be thrashed out here next week in high level discussions at the State Department between British and American officials, will be presented to the "Big Four" Council of Foreign Ministers when they discuss the Germany peace treaty, it was learned authoritatively here to-day.

The British hope is that such a comprehensive and beneficial plan will be worked out that the Russians and French will be persuaded to join the scheme, now backed by Britain and the United States alone. This hope is not altered by the fact that on the surface the conference will negotiate only problems exclusively concerning the economic fusion of the British and American zones and is supported by the belief that the meeting will inevitably "spill over" into preliminary discussions of the German problem as a whole.

The negotiators are anxious that neither the Russians nor French should gain the impression that next week's conference is "ganging up" by the British and Americans. It is argued that if a workable plan is completed, its merits should become obvious to the French and Russians when it is discussed later in New York.

Many of the officials taking part will later go to the Foreign Ministers' Council to advise the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, and the United States Secretary of State, Mr. James Byrnes.—Reuter.

